REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 1-90 were examined. A number of the claims have been amended to correct antecedent basis and indefiniteness objections raised by the Examiner. Re-examination and reconsideration of the claims, as amended, are respectfully requested.

As an initial matter, Applicants note that they are submitting a Terminal Disclaimer which is correctly directed at prior U.S. Patent No. 6,695,769. Thus, the rejections for Double Patenting should now be overcome.

Applicants have also corrected a number of errors noted in the claims noted by the Examiner. In particular, claim 50 has been amended as suggested by the Examiner. Claim 58 has been corrected to provide an appropriate antecedent basis. Claim 66 has been amended to clarify that the compliant and substantially non-elastic member comprises "a webbing." With this amendment to claim 66, and correction of various claim dependencies in dependent claims 73-82 and 85, it is believed that all other inconsistencies noted by the Examiner in the claims have been corrected.

For these reasons, it is believed that all pending claims are now in condition for allowance and requested that the application be passed to issue at an early date.

If for any reason the Examiner believes that a telephone conference would in any way expedite prosecution of the subject application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at (650) 326-2400.

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